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In re Application of Erij Justin Gould, et al. Application No.: 09/298,336 Filed: April 23, 1999

For: METHOD AND STORAGE DEVICE FOR : EXPANDING AND CONTRACTING : CONTINUOUS PAY MEDIS SEAMLESSLY:

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the petition to treat the above-identified application as special and advance the examination thereof, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 and M.P.E.P. § 708.02(VIII), filed November 26, 1999.

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 and in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Item VIII, must be accompanied by (a) the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(I), (b) a statement that all claims are directed to a single invention or an offer to make an oral election without traverse should the Patent and Trademark Office hold that the claims are not directed to a single invention, (c) a statement that a pre-examination search has been made by the inventor, attorney, agent, professional searcher, etc., and a listing of the field of search by class and subclass, (d) one copy of each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims, and (e) a detailed description of the submitted references and discussions pointing out how the claimed subject matter is distinguishable over these references.

The petition lacks requirement (c). The petition does not include a listing of the field of search by class and subclass, or an indication of the search strategy or terms used for computer searches.

For the above stated reasons, the petition is **DENIED**.

Should applicant desire reconsideration, he or she should supplement this petition by including the information as outlined above. No further petition fee is required.

Any request for reconsideration must be filed within **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this decision.

The petition fee of \$130.00 will be charged to the practitioner's deposit account as authorized. The application file will be forwarded to the Technology Center's Central Files and will await action in its regular turn.

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